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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, NW Washington D.C. 20554

> **Closed Captioning of Video Programming** Re:

> > CG Docket No. 05-231 **Ex Parte Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of The Weather Channel regarding DirecTV's irresponsible decision to transmit the WeatherNation channel ("WeatherNation") despite its incomprehensible closed captioning. As demonstrated below and in the attached DVD and transcripts, the Weather Nation programming carried by DirecTV is accompanied by closed captioning that is so inaccurate that it amounts to a complete failure to caption the programming. Weather programming frequently involves disseminating severe weather information that is crucial to viewers' life and safety. DirecTV's decision to deny that information to its deaf and hard of hearing viewers is both indefensible and dangerous. Moreover, several viewers have complained publicly that they are not receiving WeatherNation's closed captioning at all when viewing the channel on DirecTV. The Commission should investigate the captioning practices of DirecTV and Weather Nation to determine if any of its rules have been violated and assess any appropriate sanctions.1

In late December 2013, DirecTV added WeatherNation to its channel lineup nationwide in anticipation that it would drop The Weather Channel due to the parties' contract dispute.² In addition to WeatherNation's carriage by DirecTV, WeatherNation's programming is available over the Internet; via over the air on the digital sub-channels of a handful of full-power and low-

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §79.1, et seg.

See Christopher Seward, DirecTV Pulls Plug on Weather Channel, Jan 14, 2014, available at http://www.ajc.com/news/business/weather-channel-urges-directv-subscribers-tofight/ncmXw/.

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power broadcast TV stations; and through a small number of local cable systems across the country.³ DirecTV's decision to carry WeatherNation added approximately 20 million TV households to WeatherNation's footprint, dramatically expanding the channel's reach. As expected, DirecTV dropped the Weather Channel from its national lineup in mid-January 2014, holding out WeatherNation as a suitable substitute.

With that greater audience, DirecTV and WeatherNation assumed the important responsibility of distributing weather and safety-related information to all viewers nationwide. That includes making weather programming accessible to all, including the deaf and hard of hearing. The Weather Channel contends that WeatherNation's programming is no substitute for the deep and comprehensive weather coverage that The Weather Channel has long provided to DirecTV viewers. But that is DirecTV's choice to make. If DirecTV's customers agree with The Weather Channel (and are willing to pay DirecTV's early termination penalties), then they will switch to an MVPD that carries The Weather Channel. What is unmistakable, however, is that DirecTV's carriage of WeatherNation fails to provide anything approaching accurate and timely weather information to its deaf and hard of hearing viewers. WeatherNation's closed captioning is entirely ineffective to communicate even the most basic weather information to viewers. In an emergency, the channel would be useless. DirecTV's choice to widely distribute WeatherNation is a hazard to the deaf and hard of hearing community, and the Commission must investigate to ensure that its rules are being observed.

The Weather Channel is the first to acknowledge that its initial interest in observing WeatherNation was related to its ongoing commercial dispute with DirecTV. And The Weather Channel further acknowledges that providing closed captioning for fast-moving weather programming can be challenging. The Weather Channel isn't perfect and certainly its captions likely make transcription mistakes from time to time. But the attached examples of WeatherNation programming transmitted on DirecTV are so inaccurate that they nearly defy description.⁴ The following table includes just a few representative examples:

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See WeatherNation, http://weathernationtv.com/LocalWeather. WeatherNation does not appear to publicly report a comprehensive list of its broadcast and MVPD affiliates. The network's Wikipedia page, however, includes what appears to be a full list. See WeatherNation TV, available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WeatherNation_TV.

⁴ The Weather Channel attaches Exhibit 1, a DVD that includes 5 clips of WeatherNation programming recorded from a DirecTV program stream between January 16, and January 31, 2014. The Weather Channel also has included as Exhibit 2 transcripts of the on-air and closed captioning content in Exhibit 1.

Date/Time of Program	Text of On-Screen Report	Text of Accompanying Captions
1-16-2014 3:45 PM (Segment on California wild fires and drought)	"Look at that drop-off – that's ridiculously dry. And this is why we're seeing such drastic drought conditions underway. We've got extreme drought weather still in the works for California."	"AND DROP OFF. SO I DID A KILLER SLEET DRY AND THIS IS WHY WE'RE SEEING SUCH A DRASTIC DROUGHT CONDITIONS UNDER WAY. IF THAT EXTREME DROUGHT CALIFORNIA"
1-27-2014 4:29 PM (Segment on white-out conditions in Ohio)	"But these are huge. In Worthington, Ohio, my goodness, this will come right at you. It almost looks like a hay bales rolled up. Another shot there, another angle. And you can see multiple ones of different sizes, thanks to Chris Bags for the share from Worthington, Ohio. Always amazing to see the photography work that you do."	"IT IS FOR YOU RIDGE IN WARNING TO THE LAB MY GOODNESS THIS WILL COME RIGHT ASSHOLES TO GET A BILL ROLLED UP ANOTHER SHOT THERE ANOTHER ANGLE AND EASY MULTIPLE ONES OF DIFFERENT SIZES. THANKS TO CHRIS BAGS FOR THE SHEER FOR MORE THESE IN OHIO WAS AMAZING TO SEE THE PHOTOGRAPHY WORK THAT YOU DO."
1-28-2014 8:01 PM (Segment on winter storm watches in the central plains)	"As well as winter storm watches for the blue shaded areas. That's going to be the next system that spreads across the Chicago area, perhaps up towards Flint. As we head through the weekend, some impressive snow totals. May make for some tricky travel conditions tonight through Saturday. Perhaps starting off as an icy mix and then eventually turning into a situation where it will be all snow."	"AS WELL AS WHEN THE STORM WATSON'S FOR THE BLUE STATE IN AREAS BAFFLING TO ME THEN NEXT IS DOWN THAT SPREAD DECRIES THE CHICAGO AREA AND SOME ORANGE FLAMES AS WE HEAD TO THE WEEKEND SOME NYMPH RESTAURANTS THE SUN MAY MAKE FOR SOME FREAKING TRAVEL CONDITIONS NITRATES FOUND IN A MATCH STARTING ON AS NINETEEN MAKES MEN EVENTUALLY TURNING INTO A SITUATION WHERE I'LL BE ALL SNOW"

Date/Time of Program	Text of On-Screen Report	Text of Accompanying Captions
1-31-2014 11:02 PM (Segment on Midwest snowfall)	"Here in Arapahoe, Nebraska. We are cleaning up here from recent snowfall in Haigtler about 14 inches of snowfall, over a foot and a half almost in some locations with the drifts. Trenton at about 7 inches, Max at five and a half, Max, one of my favorite words to say, "Oogalala," at five inches"	"PILE CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WE ARE CLEANING UP YOUR FROM RECENT SNOWFALL AND THAT HITLER ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES OF SNOW FALLS OVER A FOOT AND HALF ALMOST IN SOME LOCATIONS BUT THE DRESS TREND IN ABOUT SEVEN INCHES MAX AT FIVE IN HALF AND WHEN MY FEVER WOULD SAY THE LAW LOW AT FIVE INCHES"
1-31-2014 4:00 PM (Segment regarding upcoming weather in the Northeast)	"Now for the Northeast, you kind of dodged a bullet on this one. The coastal storm impacting the Southeast and the Carolinas stays far enough offshore that it brings very little impact to the area, minus New Jersey, maybe some of the coastal areas there and the Cape Islands getting a brief rush of snow. But other than that, it stays cold into Wednesday with a gradual"	"NOW FOR T HE NORTHEAST. YOU CAN DODGE A BULLET ON THIS ONE THE COASTAL STORM IMPACT IN THE SOUTHEAST THE CAROLINAS SINGS FAR ENOUGH OFFSHORE. IT BRINGS VERY LOW IMPACT TO THE AREA. MINUS THE JURY SEE ME CYNICAL SILLY AREAS NEAR THE PPI IS GETTING INCREASED BRIEF RUSSIAN SNOW BUT OTHER THAN THAT. IF THESE COLD INTO WEDNESDAY WITH A RATIONAL"

These examples amply demonstrate that DirecTV's decision to carry WeatherNation nationwide disregarded the health and safety of its viewers that depend on closed captioning for their weather information. WeatherNation's references to "killer sleet" and "Russian snow" might be amusing if they were found in mistaken captions of some old sitcom or drama repeats. In weather programming, such slips are likely to cause confusion and alarm among the viewers DirecTV claims it is trying to serve. In times of emergency, such confusion and alarm can lead to viewers lacking the safety information they need. Indeed, in the first clip of Exhibit 1, the hosts are discussing the recent Colby Fire in Los Angeles and add that "Over 1500 acres burned with this fire. Structures lost, and mandatory evacuations are underway. And California – you guys have had a very tough past few years." The captioning seen by the deaf and hard of hearing reads: "OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED SPEAKERS BURNED WITH/ THIS FIRE STRUCTURES LASTING/ MANDATORY EVACUATIONS ARE UNDER WAY/ AND CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE FOR THEM VERY TOUGH PAST FEW YEARS." The captions would not have alerted the viewer that he or she was in harm's way, let alone how to avoid it.

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Thankfully, most of the WeatherNation episodes in Exhibit 1 did not involve the kind of severe weather (*e.g.*, tornadoes or severe ice storms) likely to require immediate action by viewers to ensure their safety. Such situations will arise, however, and the captions above illustrate that in critical moments, the gibberish captions offered by WeatherNation through DirecTV would be worse than no captions at all. DirecTV's decision to subject its viewers to the dangers of poorly captioned weather information in order to get the upper hand in a commercial dispute with The Weather Channel should not be tolerated.

Since WeatherNation debuted on DirecTV, The Weather Channel has received a number of viewer complaints about the closed captioning – or lack thereof – on the channel. Some viewers claim that WeatherNation airs no captions at all, while others complain that the captioning is unreadable. DirecTV itself has publicly fielded complaints along the same lines. On January 13, 2013. A DirecTV viewer tweeted that WeatherNation on DirecTV lacks captions entirely. WeatherNation anchor Rob Koch responded, defending the channel by saying "We do have closed captioning. I will ask our Tech Dept. to check in on it." Given these consumer complaints and the evidence provided herein, either DirecTV and WeatherNation distribute closed captioning that it so deficient as to be practically non-existent or they distribute no closed captions at all.

The Weather Channel applauds the Commission's apparent decision to adopt explicit rules requiring closed captioning material to meet certain quality standards. New rules, however, should not be necessary for the Commission to investigate, and, if appropriate, sanction DirecTV and WeatherNation for their failure to make WeatherNation programming available to DirecTV's deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers. DirecTV likely will argue that it is required to pass through WeatherNation's captions, so it has done nothing wrong. WeatherNation will probably assert an exemption from captioning requirements or claim that it can't be punished because the quality rules have not yet been adopted. These claims should not deter the Commission from holding DirecTV and WeatherNation responsible for failing to make essential weather information accessible to their viewers. The Weather Channel urges the Commission to commence such an investigation and to ensure that any future rules treat conduct like DirecTV's as the serious offense that it clearly is.

⁵ See https://twitter.com/ravenclouds/status/422983105532526592

⁶ See id.

The FCC should note that WeatherNation streams its programming live on the Internet without any captions, despite the fact that the programming also is broadcast over the air. This may constitute a violation of the IP closed captioning rules. 47 C.F.R. §79.4.

FCC Announces Tentative Agenda for February Open Meeting, *Press Release*, Jan. 30, 2014.

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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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cc (via hand delivery):

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EXHIBIT

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Examples of DirecTV's Weather Nation Closed Captioning

DVD FILED WITH THE FCC ON 2/7/2014

EXHIBIT

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Transcripts of DirecTV's Weather Nation Closed Captioning

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Date and Time	Transcript of On-Screen report	Transcript of Captions
1-16-2014 3:45 PM	"We are tracking a major wildfire in	"ARE TRACKING A MAJOR WILDFIRE IN
(Segment on	California. This is one of	CALIFORNIA AND THIS IS ONE OF
California wild fires	the top headlines in the	THE TOP HEADLINES IN THE THE
and drought	Western tier in particular, but look	WESTERN TEAR PARTICULAR THE LOOK
)	at this Glendora California, Chris,	OF A SPLINT OR CALIFORNIA. AT
	and the Colby fire is	PRESENT COLD THE FIRE ISN'T
	something that has just become so	SOMETHING THAT HAS BECOME SO
	explosive. It has quadrupled plus	IT'S LOW SAID SQUADRON COLD PLUS
	in size. In fact, I can't even tell	SINCE I EFFECT I CAN EVEN TELL
	you – it's like a 500%	YOU I LIVE UNDER PERCENT
	increase. A couple of hours ago, it was only	INCREASE OF FLOWERS GOES ONLY
	two acres. As of earlier this	TWO ACRES AS OF EARLIER THIS
	afternoon, almost 1700	AFTERNOON OR SEVENTEEN HUNDRED
	acres have burned. Now two good	ACRES HAVE BURNED DOWN TO GOOD
	things coming out of this –	THINGS COMING OUT OF THIS THAT
	the winds have been very, very	THE WEEDS HAVE BEEN VERY VERY
	light during the event, which has	LIGHT DURING THE EVENT WHICH HAS
	helped firefighters immensely	HELPED FIREFIGHTERS IMMENSELY
	fight this blaze. Also, the	LIKE THIS PLAY IS ALSO THE
	flames are actually going away	FLAMES ARE ACTUALLY GOING AWAY
	from downtown Los Angeles. But	FROM DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES BUT
	still, a lot of smoke in the air,	STILL A LOT OF SMOKE IN THE AIR.
	and it's captured a lot of peoples'	IT'S KEPT A LOT OF PEOPLE'S
	attention. That's for sure. You	ATTENTION THAT'S FOR SURE YOU
	can see that cloud of smoke – Hiro	CAN SEE THAT CLOUD OF SMOKE. I
	Cumulus, as it's called	WROTE CUMULUS AS IT'S CALLED
	here with that blue sky in	HERE BUT THAT BLUE SKY IN
	Southern California. This is	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS IS
	unfortunately a by-product	UNFORTUNATELY A BRIDE BY PRODUCT

Due to the lag between the on-screen report and the closed captions, the transcripts of each segment do not match up perfectly. The portion of the on-screen report and captions that correspond to each other are highlighted in bold faced type.

of the Santa Ana winds that have	4
	OF THE SANTA ANA WINDS THAT HAVE
been picking up all week – very	BEEN TAKING UP ALL WEEK. VERY
dry conditions. California,	DRY CONDITIONS CALIFORNIA TWENTY
2013 – the driest year on	THIRTEEN THE DRIEST YEAR ON
record. And we knew this week	RECORD AND WE KNEW THIS WEEK
would be critical for fire	WOULD BE CRITICAL FOR FIRE
anger in Los Angeles, San Diego,	DANGER LACIE ANGELES THE NBA NOW
and it has turned out to be so.	AND HAS TURNED OUT TO THE SOUTH
So the fires continue to rage	SO THE FIRES CONTINUED TO RACE
in California; there are multiple	IN CALIFORNIA THERE ARE MULTIPLE
nes currently burning –the	ONES CURRENTLY BURNING THE
iggest one is the Colby fire	BIGGEST ONE IS TO CALL THE FIRE
utside of Los Angeles. Windy	OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES WHEN THE
onditions – we're going to touch upon that –	CONDITIONS FOR THAT TOUCH UPON
not only in the Southwest but	THAT ONLY IN THE SOUTHWEST BUT
also in the Plains, and shots of	ALSO IN THE PLAINS AND SHOTS OF
colder air means jacket weather	COLD OR EAR MEANS JACKET WEATHER
for those in the Southeast. But	FOR THOSE WITHOUT THESE. BUT
to give you a representation	THE BEAUTY OF REPRESENTATION
of where this is, just east of Los	WHERE THIS IS JUST EAST OF LOS
Angeles, near Glendora, Suzy –	ANGELES NEAR WHEN DORIS EASY
that's where the Colby fire is	THAT'S FOR THE CALL THE FIRE IS
located."	LOCATED."
Yeah, we're tracking	"YES WE'RE TRACKING
this in Southern California	THIS IS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
where the Santa Anas have been	WHERE THE SANTA ANAS HAVE BEEN
howling, and this blaze has been	HOWLING AND THIS RAISES BEING A
visible from Satellite and radar,	VISIBLE FROM SATELLITE AND RADAR
o if you look carefully, you can	SEVERE LOOK CAREFULLY YOU CAN
ee the smoke plume associated	SEE THE SMOKE PLUME ASSOCIATE
rith this. Note how the plume	WITH THIS NOTE HOW THE PLUMAGE
s actually working its way into	IS ACTUALLY WORKING ITS WAY INTO
	record. And we knew this week would be critical for fire danger in Los Angeles, San Diego, and it has turned out to be so. So the fires continue to rage in California; there are multiple ones currently burning —the biggest one is the Colby fire outside of Los Angeles. Windy conditions — we're going to touch upon that — not only in the Southwest but also in the Plains, and shots of colder air means jacket weather for those in the Southeast. But to give you a representation of where this is, just east of Los Angeles, near Glendora, Suzy — that's where the Colby fire is located." "Yeah, we're tracking this in Southern California where the Santa Anas have been howling, and this blaze has been visible from Satellite and radar, so if you look carefully, you can see the smoke plume associated with this. Note how the plume is actually working its way into

Transcript of Captions ⁹	INDICATION THE WINS COMING DOWN OFF THE MOUNTAINS WHICH IS WHAT SETS SO CRITICAL WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FIRE WEATHER THAT MAKES IT THAT MUCH WORSE IS DOWN SLOPING WINS OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED SPEAKERS BURNED WITH THIS FIRE STRUCTURES LASTING MANDATORY EVACUATIONS ARE UNDER WAY AND CALFORNIA ADVENTURE FOR THEM VERY TOUGH PAST FEW YEARS WE'VE BEEN BELOW AVERAGE FOR IN AT THE DRIEST YEAR EVER ON RECORD IN CALIFORNIA FOR TWENTY THIRTEEN WERE LOOKING AT HERE IS A PRECIPITATION OVER THE COURSE OF THE PAST FEW YEARS. TO DECADES IN FACT AN UNLIMITED TWENTY THIRTEEN AND DROP OFF. SO I DID A KILLER SLEET DRY AND THIS IS WHY WE'RE SEEING SUCH A DRASTIC DROUGHT CONDITIONS UNDER WAY."
Transcript of On-Screen report	indication of the winds coming down off the mountains, which is what's so critical when you're talking about the fire weather, that's just makes it that much worse – those downsloping winds. Over 1500 acres burned with this fire. Structures lost, and mandatory evacuations are underway. And California – you guys have had a very tough past few years. We have been below average for precipitation, and in fact, coming in at the driest year ever on record in California for 2013. And what we're looking at here is the precipitation over the course of the past few years. Decades, in fact, and then we look at 2013. Look at that drop-off – that's ridiculously dry. And this is why we're seeing such drastic drought conditions under way. We've got extreme drought weather still in the works for California. A lack of precipitation. Just not happening here, as we're not really going with the highlighted threat for precipitation."
Date and Time	

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Date and Time	Transcript of On-Screen report	Transcript of Captions'
1-27-2014 4:29 PM	"This is WeatherNation, and we are	IS WEATHERNATION WE ARE SO
(Segment on white-out	so glad you can join us for your	GLAD YOU CAN JOIN AS FOR YOUR
conditions in Ohio)	Headlines from coast-to-coast.	HEADLINES FROM COAST TO COAST
	I'm Kristin, along with Rob,	AND KRISTIN ALONG WITH A DROP
	and we had poor travel	AND THAT WE HAD FOR TRAVEL
	conditions in Ohio, parts of the Ohio	CONDITIONS IN OHIO THE OHIO
	Valley, recently. All it took	VALLEY RECENTLY ALL IT TOOK
	was the wind and the fresh	WHISTLE WIND AND THE FRESH
	snow, Rob ooof - bad driving.	SNOW ON THE BACK DRIVING LOW
	A lot of white-out conditions –	LIGHT CONDITIONS BEGINS TO
	it's really bad. Things are getting	EVENTS WHERE THINGS ARE IN
	a little better. We have less	THE LITTLE BETTER WITH LESS
	snow out there, but now we have some	SOUL OUT THERE BUT THE GETS A
	rare phenomena taking place.	RARE PHENOMENON TAKING PLACE
	Not only just rare snow in	NOW WHICH IS RARE SNOW IN
	places, but also the	PLACE OF THE MOBILE PHONE
	snow rollers have	WITH THE SNOW ROLLERS HAVE
	been out. High winds, and a very	BEEN UP FIVE WINS AND A VERY
	light, powdery snow. It	LIGHT POWER REESE KNOW IT
	takes a lot to get these to	TAKES A LOT TO GET THESE TO
	form. And the winds usually have to	FORM IN THE WINGS USE IT TO
	be at least 40 miles an	BE AT LEAST FORTY MILES AN
	hour for a long period of	HOUR FOR A LONG PERIOD OF
	time, almost in the same	TIME. ALMOST THE SAME
	direction. But these are huge.	DIRECTION IT IS FOR YOU RIDGE
	In Worthington, Ohio, my	IN WARNING TO THE LAB MY
	goodness, this will come right	GOODNESS THIS WILL COME RIGHT
	at you. It almost looks like a hay bale rolled	ASSHOLES TO GET A BILL ROLLED
	up. Another shot there, another	UP ANOTHER SHOT THERE ANOTHER
	angle. And you can see multiple ones	ANGLE AND EASY MULTIPLE ONES
	of different sizes, thanks to	OF DIFFERENT SIZES. THANKS TO
	Chris Bags for the share from	CHRIS BAGS FOR THE SHEER FOR
	Worthington, Ohio. Always	MORE THESE IN OHIO WAS

Transcript of Captions ⁹	AMAZING TO SEE THE PHOTOGRAPHY WORK THAT YOU DO POST THAT COMES OUT IS FROM OUR CELLPHONES DROIDS ARE MOBILE DEVICES SHOW THAT ON FACEBOOK DOT COM FLASH WEATHERNATION HERE IS OUR WEATHER STORIES THAT ARE RARER STILL THAT WERE TALKING THE CAROLINAS."
Transcript of On-Screen report	amazing to see the photography work that you do. Most of it comes nowadays from our cell phones, droids or mobile devices. Share that all at facebook.com, backslash WeatherNation. Here is our weather story. It's a rare snow event. We're talking the Carolinas – places like Nagshead –- seeing snow. How often does that happen? Below zero wind chills out there. And there is a chance to see rain return." And there is a chance to see rain return."
Date and Time	

Transcript of Captions ⁹	"THOSE WINNERS THE MORNINGS THEN TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO THE CENTRAL PLAINS HER WE HAVE WINTER WEATHER ADVISORIES FOR ALL THE PURPLE STATE IN AREAS AS WELL AS WHEN THE STORM WATSON'S FOR THE BLUE STATE IN AREAS BAFFLING TO ME THEN NEXT IS DOWN THAT SPREAD DECRIES THE CHICAGO AREA AND SOME ORANGE FLAMES AS WE HEAD TO THE WEEKEND SOME NYMPH RESTAURANTS THE SUN MAY MAKE FOR SOME FREAKING TRAVEL CONDITIONS NITRATES FOUND IN A MATCH STARTING ON AS NINETEEN MAKES MEN EVENTUALLY TURNING INTO A SITUATION WHERE I'LL BE ALL SNOW THAT'S GOING TO BE EYEING TWO SATURDAYS IN SATURDAY EVENING'S ALL WIND OF SNOW EXTENDING FROM KANSAS CITY ELDERLY AT THE CHICAGO DETROIT BUFFALO'S"
Transcript of On-Screen report	" as well as winter storm watches for the blue shaded areas. That's going to be the next system that spreads across the Chicago area, perhaps up towards Flint. As we head through the weekend, some impressive snow totals. May make for some tricky travel conditions tonight through Saturday. Perhaps starting off as an icy mix and then eventually turning into a situation where it will be all snow. So that's going to be into Saturday, into Saturday evening. So a line of snow extending from Kansas City all the way up through Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo – those are some of the initial projections – continuing to keep an eye on it. And then early next week, another"
Date and Time	1-28-2014 8:01 PM (Segment on winter storm watches in the central plains)

Transcript of Captions ⁹	"OF INCHES ON THE GROUND IT'S	AFTERNOON COUPLE AREAS THAT	ARE SEEING A FEW INCHES ON	THE GROUND WITH THIS BIG SNOW	PILE CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHS	THAT WE ARE CLEANING UP YOUR	FROM RECENT SNOWFALL AND THAT	HITLER ABOUT FOURTEEN INCHES	OF SNOW FALLS OVER A FOOT AND	HALF ALMOST IN SOME LOCATIONS	BUT THE DRESS TREND IN ABOUT	SEVEN INCHES MAX AT FIVE IN	HALF AND WHEN MY FEVER WOULD	SAY THE LAW LOW AT FIVE	INCHES OF THE BOOK REVIEW"		
Transcript of On-Screen report					"Here in Arapahoe, Nebraska.	We are cleaning up here	from recent snowfall in	Haigler about 14 inches	of snowfall, so over a foot and	a half almost in some locations	with the drifts. Trenton at about	7 inches, Max at five and a	half, and, one of my favorite words to	say – Ogallala at five	inches of snow for you and Nebraska too. We don't have	any recent warnings placed out here for you into Nebraska.	Most of the snow is moving off to the East"
Date and Time	1-31-2014 11:02 PM (Seement on Midwest	snowfall)															

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Transcript of Cantions ⁹	"THE SPOT IN YOUR	NEIGHBORHOOD TONIGHT INSIDE	THE NORTHEAST IS A LOT CAN	STILL TENSES ME LOOK FORWARD	TO TONIGHT AND TOMORROW	STAYING IN A SINGLE DIGITS	AND TEENS NOW FOR	THE NORTHEAST. YOU CAN DODGE	A BULLET ON THIS ONE	THE COASTAL STORM IMPACT IN	THE SOUTHEAST THE CAROLINAS	SINGS FAR ENOUGH OFFSHORE. IT	BRINGS VERY LOW IMPACT TO	THE AREA. MINUS THE JURY SEE	ME CYNICAL SILLY AREAS NEAR	THE PPI IS GETTING INCREASED	BRIEF RUSSIAN SNOW BUT OTHER	THAN THAT. IF THESE COLD INTO	WEDNESDAY WITH A RATIONAL"			
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Date and Time	1-31-2014 4:00 PM	(Segment regarding	upcoming weather in	the Northeast)																		